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EMERGENCY BILL

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - High School Diplomas - Veterans of World War II and the**  
3 **Korean Conflict**

4 FOR the purpose of allowing an honorably discharged veteran of World War II or the  
5 Korean Conflict to apply to certain county boards of education to obtain a high  
6 school diploma if the individual withdrew from a certain full-time public or  
7 private school in the individual's junior or senior year in certain circumstances;  
8 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to high school  
9 diplomas for veterans of World War II or the Korean Conflict.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 7-206.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Education**

18 7-206.1.

19 (a) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE  
20 MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHDREW  
21 FROM A REGULAR FULL-TIME PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE  
22 STATE BOARD DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL  
23 TO ENLIST IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II.

24 (2) An individual honorably discharged from military service may apply  
25 to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a regular full-time  
26 public or private school accredited by the State Board during the individual's JUNIOR

1 OR senior year in high school to enlist in the armed forces of the United States during  
2 [World War II or] the Korean Conflict.

3 (b) To obtain a high school diploma under subsection (a) of this section, the  
4 individual shall apply to the county board in the county where the individual resides  
5 or where the school from which the individual withdrew was located.

6 (c) Each county board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish  
7 procedures for awarding diplomas under this section.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
9 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
10 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
11 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
12 the date it is enacted.